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Serial No. 10/668,859

PATENT APPLICATION

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the initial Office Action on the merits dated May 5, 2004. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the
5 foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 11-18 and 20 have been canceled and claims 1 and 19 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1-10 and 19 remain in this application with claims 1 and 19 being independent.

10 **IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Fig. 7 has been newly added to more precisely illustrate the break away tabs of the cleaning element. This drawings should not be regarded as the introduction of new matter as this structure was originally described in detail in the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 24. This structure was also originally claimed in claims 11 and 20.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The Brief Description of the Drawings beginning on page 3 of the original application was amended to make reference to Fig. 7. Accordingly, a reference to Fig. 7 was also added to the existing and original paragraph that begins on page 6, line 24 of the original
20 application. These minor amendments are not substantive and should not be regarded to constitute any new disclosure or other new matter.

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IN THE CLAIMS:35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections:

Claims 1-6 and 8-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by
5 Bacho '750. However, the examiner makes no mention of the limitation recited in claim 11 of
the present application. Namely, claim 11 recites that the bracket and cleaning elements of the
cleaning member are formed from a unitary structure, and that the distal ends of the cleaning
elements include a plurality of break away tabs as an adjustment means for adjusting the width of
the cleaning member. Clearly, Bacho does not disclose break away tabs, nor is there any
10 disclosure therein that would suggest such a structure. Rather, Bacho's disclosure concerns
slidable adjustment of the bracket and cleaning element. Without admitting the propriety of
these rejections, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 11 and claim
11 has been canceled. Therefore, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance and such is
respectfully requested along with claims 2-10 which depend therefrom. In addition, , Fig. 7 has
15 been added to more perfectly illustrate the subject matter of claim 11. It should be appreciated
that this drawing does not constitute new matter as this disclosure was made in claims 11 and 20
and at page 6, line 24 to page 7, line 6 of the original application.

Without admitting the propriety of these rejections, claims 12-18 have been
canceled.

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Similarly, claim 19 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 20 regarding the break away tabs discussed above and claim 20 has been canceled. For the reasons advanced previously concerning the lack of such a disclosure by Bacho or any other patent, the applicant believes that claim 19 should now be in condition for allowance and such is
5 respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections:

Claims 7, 19, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bacho in view of MacGregor '566. These claims should now be in condition for allowance
10 for the reasons advanced previously. Again, it should be realized that neither Bacho nor MacGregor disclose a plurality of break away tabs. However, without admitting the propriety of these rejections and as described above, claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 20 and claim 20 has been canceled. It should also be appreciated that this element was originally included in claims 11 and 20 and, therefore, does not require a further search or
15 additional consideration by the examiner.

This application should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested. If the examiner has any suggestions that would place this application in even better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the applicant's representative at the telephone
20 number listed below.

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